

REMARKS

Applicants filed an Amendment on July 31, 2003. By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants add new claims 54-89. Support for claims 54-89 can be found, for example, at least in Figs. 2 and 3 and the corresponding written description thereof, and in the specification at page 2, lines 30-31, at page 5, lines 14-27, at page 6, lines 13-23, and at page 8, line 19 - page 9, line 1.

In presenting claims 54-89, Applicants copy claims 1-16, 18, and 20-37 from U.S. Application Publication No. 2002/0123786 A1, which published on September 5, 2002, and is assigned to Ventrica, Inc. ("the '768 publication"). More specifically, claims 54-61, 73-75, 77-83, and 85-89 are identical to claims 1-8, 22-24, 25-31, and 33-37 of the '786 publication and claims 62-72, 76, and 84 are substantially similar to claims 9-16, 18, 20, 21, 24, and 32 of the '786 publication.

After entry of this Supplemental Amendment, claims 35-89 will be pending in this application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Supplemental Amendment and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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